

## **CAC Quarterly Meeting Minutes**

### **September 21, 2022**

**Members in attendance:** Betsy Beamer, Judy Boland, David Botkins, Flora S. Cardwell, Gloria Marrero Chambers, Winona Coles, Caroline Cori, Anne Geddy Cross, Siobhan Deeds, Georgia Esposito, Ann Goettman, Kirsti Goodman, Linda Han, Sunita Gupta, Ukae Jackson, Peggy Lane, Luranett Lee, Julia Marsden, Deena Potter, Stanley Rayfield, Parke Richeson, Lindsey Watson, Gayle Jessup White.

**Opening Welcome:** Chair Betsy Beamer welcomed CAC members and led us in prayer.

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion to approved the minutes was made by David Botkins, seconded by Judy Boland. The minutes were approved by the CAC members present.

**Welcome Remarks:** First Lady Suzanne Youngkin welcomed the CAC members to the Executive Mansion. The Mansion opened the doors to visitors at the beginning of September. Currently the Mansion visitor tours are held on Fridays from 10:00am to 4:00pm.

The Mansion is showcasing the new Art Experience. Judy Boland and Ann Goettman are the CAC members in charge of this project. They worked with nine museum partners to bring the new art works to the walls of the Mansion. The works focus on the story of Virginia's past, present and future. The exhibit brings stories alive, highlighting the different regions and artists in our Commonwealth.

The First Lady invited Judy Boland and Ann Goettman to speak about how they selected the pieces for the Mansion's Art

Experience. Judy and Ann worked together with Georgia Esposito and the First Lady to select the pieces that show cased the Art stories in the Commonwealth. The art works are on loan for one year. Currently there are 44 paintings on the walls of the Mansion. Ann and Judy encourage CAC members to get involve and share any ideas for future art pieces.

The First Lady announced that the website is being overhauled. It will focus on different elements and history from the Mansion. The art pieces and stories from the Mansion will be highlighted on the updated website hopefully every week. It will also be feature on the Facebook page.

**Executive Mansion Update:** Executive Mansion Director, Georgia Esposito, provided project updates to the Mansion.

Many events have been held at the Mansion but the highlight of the last couple of months was September 7th when the doors were reopened to the public after being closed for three years. The first day brought over 100 visitors to the Mansion. The Art Experience has been a huge part of the reopening. A handout with information on all the art pieces was shared with he CAC members.

The improvements of the interior in the house include the repainting of the first floor rooms, the rugs have been taken up and the floors have been refurbished. In October, the Old Governor's office and the First Lady's Parlor floors will be refurnished. The project will take about two weeks.

There are six settees and two arm chairs that need to be reupholstered. Patti Lockridge, a historic interior expert, is working with Georgia and the Furnishing Committee to select the upholstery for the furniture pieces.

The DGS partners were asked to do a security assessment including the Mansion. DGS outsourced the project to a security team. The assessment concluded that bulletproof windows will be installed in the Mansion. They identified the east-facing windows as the ones that will be replaced first. Georgia requested that they bring a Historic Preservation Architect to work with them and oversee this project. Greg Rutledge from Hanburry Architect, was chosen. He was the main architect for the house renovation in 2000. He will be reporting directly to Georgia Esposito.

Our efforts to open the Valentine Jackson Garden are proceeding. A team lead by the DGS partners has chosen a project manager and a timeline has been set. The project is projected to be completed by Spring of 2023.

**Treasurer Report:** Treasurer, Parke Richeson provided a report. There are no expenditures to date.

Account Balances as of 8/31/2022

General Account	\$51,080.51
Restricted Funds (Held in General Account)	\$20,410.00
Available for General Purposes	\$30,670.51

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Building & Restoration: Co-Chair David Botkins presented the report. The main focus of the committee has been to make the Valentine Jackson Garden accessible to the public. The committee is working with the architectural group on this project. DGS is working on a timeline which is projected for completion in the Spring of 2023.

Education: Co-Chair Laurant Lee presented the report. The Education Committee would like to engage the visitors to the Mansion with the families from the past who worked together to

create the space we now have. Laurantt will be conducting the research on these families. The Education Committee would like a plaque at the entrance of the Jackson Valentine Garden to introduce the visitors to the families to whom the garden is dedicated.

**Furnishings & Collections:** Co-Chair Julia Mardsen presented the report. The Committee is looking forward to working with the Interior Designer to choose the fabrics for the reupholstery work. The Committee is asking for \$26,000 to reupholster the settees and arm chairs. There are some pieces from the silver collections at the Mansion that need refurbishing. The amount has been included in the budget. Co-Chair Kristi Goodwin reported on the photo shoot that is being planned in Capital Collections Magazine, highlighting the Historic Silver Collection from the Mansion.

**Descendants:** Chair Gayle Jessup-White had nothing to report.

## **STAKEHOLDERS REPORTS:**

**Department of General Services:** Dena Potter presented the report. There will be a new person supporting the mansion. They are working on the event for all state employees on October 5th from 11:00am to 1:00pm; Boots on the Square. An event celebrating everything Western, from miniatures horses, country music, snack, etc. Is a great opportunity for state employees to meet the Governor and The First Lady.

Many of the Capitol Square Projects are almost completed. The Capitol waterproofing project should be completed by end of December. The Oliver Hill landscaping project should be completed by the end of the fall. New signage was installed to the newest additions to the Women's Monument; Maggie L. Walker and Sarah G. Jones.

**Capitol Square Preservation Council:** No report

**Docents:** No report

**Budget Action Item:** Chairman Betsy Beamer presented the Executive Committee expenditure recommendations. The Executive Committee recommended \$23,000 to the full committee. An amendment was made by Julia Marsden Co-Chair of the Furnishings and Collections Committee by adding \$26,000 for the reupholstering of the arm chairs and settees for the Mansion. Kristi Goodman seconded the amendment. The amendment passed. Betsy Beamer motioned that the new amended recommendation of \$49,000 is designated to expenditures for the Mansion for the coming year. The motion was passed by the CAC Committee.

FOIA updated rules will be sent to all CAC members and committees so we can decide which meetings can be held virtually.

The meeting was adjourned by Betsy Beamer at 2:05pm

Respectfully submitted

Accepted/corrected